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For: ANTISEPTIC COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

-- Many references have described the preparation of "iodophors," which are complexes of elemental iodine or triiodide with certain carriers. These iodophors function to not only increase the iodine solubility but to reduce the level of free molecular iodine in solution and to provide a type of sustained release reservoir of elemental iodine. Iodophors are known using carriers of polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone, copolymers of N-vinyl lactams with other